

**Town of Williamstown
Community Preservation Committee Minutes
November 18, 2015**

Present: Jane Patton (Chairwoman), Philip McKnight, Mark Reinhardt, Michael Sussman, Jeffrey Thomas, Chris Winters, Pat Leach and Jason Hoch

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by the Chairwoman.

1. The minutes of the Committee's meeting on October 7, 2015 were approved unanimously.

2. Review and approval of revised application, Jeffrey Thomas.

- Several recommendations for change:

Page 1: change the date to Dec. 18th; #1D needs a W

Page 3: #4, "must be supported."

- Request was made for electronic delivery, with attachments.

Discussion followed. Motion to accept the revised application passed unanimously.

3. Review and approval of the re-formatted CPC spreadsheet/ financial information. Jason reviewed for us the spreadsheet. Discussion followed and the committee thanked Jason for the new format.

4. Discussion of the schedule of CPC meetings in 2016.

- Dec. 2, 7 p.m. Pre-meeting for first time applicants to learn about the Community Preservation Act, and the process of applying.
- Jan. 6, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

5. Other business

Discussed: Mr. Winter's proposal that the Committee create several warrant articles for the Town Meeting in May 2016 as follows: the Town vote to agree to continue its current participation in the CPA program, or vote to decide to terminate its continued participation in the Act, together with articles increasing or decreasing the CPC tax rate, or adding, by way of a warrant article, a provision requiring the Town to consider every 5 years whether it wants to continue to be part of the CPA program. Jane, as chair of both groups, indicated that the Select board will consider this. One concern: if the committee disbands, we would need a mechanism to continue to fund our commitment to the Cable Mills project.

6. Motion to adjourn 7:55 p.m.